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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Judge Sentences California Man to 12 Years in Terrorism Case

(U) A federal judge in Sacramento sentenced a man yesterday to 12 years in prison for attempting to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria. US District Court Judge John Mendez said that terrorism had become a zero-tolerance crime, as he issued the sentence against Nicholas Teasant, which also includes 25 years of supervision after his release. In December 2015 Teasant pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support or resources to a foreign extremist organization. SOURCE: 7 June 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) San Diego – California Sees Surge in Chinese Illegally Crossing Border from Mexico

(U) The number of Chinese immigrants illegally crossing the Mexican border into California has increased in recent years, the result of a lucrative smuggling industry, mass migration from China and a diversifying pool of migrants settling in the United States. Between October 2015 and May 2016, Border Patrol agents in the San Diego sector apprehended an estimated 663 Chinese nationals, compared with 48 in fiscal year 2015 and eight in 2014, according to data provided by US Customs and Border Protection.

SOURCE: 7 June 2016, [LA Times](#)

(U) Santa Barbara – Gang Operation Yields 38 Arrests

(U) The Sheriff's Office recently announced the end of a nearly four-year gang investigation, which led to 38 drug and gun-related arrests in Santa Barbara's North County, San Luis Obispo County, and Kern County. Since August 2012, Sheriff's detectives worked alongside officials with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the IRS to arrest gang members and associates, narcotics dealers, and individuals selling firearms illegally in the Santa Maria Valley.

SOURCE: 8 June 2016, [Santa Barbara Independent](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Airport Security Improves Since Screening Lapses

(U) Washington – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is working to improve airport screening after major lapses last year, a US government investigator said yesterday, adding that the agency has embraced oversight. In a covert audit, DHS staff had succeeded in bringing banned items through airport checkpoints and raised concerns about the TSA's vetting of its workforce. The TSA has since cut back on directing travelers into faster lanes that let them keep shoes on and laptops packed. That change along with low staffing levels and more flyers had sparked long lines this spring.

SOURCE: 7 June 2016, [Yahoo News](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) District of Columbia – US Warns Banks on Cyber Threat After Bangladesh Heist**

(U) Washington – US regulators yesterday told banks to review cyber-security protections against fraudulent money transfers in the wake of revelations that a hacking group used such messages to steal \$81 million from the Bangladesh central bank. The notice from the Fed and other financial regulators came two weeks after FBI privately urged banks to look for signs of possible cyber attacks. That report asked them to hunt for technical clues that they have been targeted by the same group. The warnings suggest that US government and law enforcement agencies are concerned that recent attacks on banks in emerging-market economies could lead to losses for big US firms that rely on the so-called SWIFT fund-transfer network, which serves as the backbone of international finance.

SOURCE: 7 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Egypt – Bomb Threat Forced an EgyptAir Flight to Make Emergency Landing**

(U) Cairo – A bomb threat forced an EgyptAir aircraft en route to Beijing from Cairo to make an emergency landing in Uzbekistan today, Egyptian officials said, the latest in a series of deadly or damaging air travel incidents involving Egypt. The aircraft landed at the airport in the town of Urgench, about 600 miles west of the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, three hours after it took off from Cairo. All 135 passengers and crew on board were evacuated and the aircraft was searched before eventually being cleared and permitted to continue its journey, the officials said.

SOURCE: 8 June 2016, [CBS News](#)

(U) Niger – Boko Haram Attacks Force People to Flee Homes

(U) Niamey – More than 50,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in southeastern Niger after a series of attacks by extremist group Boko Haram, the United Nations refugee agency said yesterday. Attacks by the Nigeria-based fighters on Friday, Sunday and Monday on the town of Bosso and its military post forced people to flee to Toumour, about 19 miles to the west, the agency said. A 31 May attack in the town of Yebi killed nine people and forced 15,000 to flee.

SOURCE: 7 June 2016, [USA Today](#)

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